

Pope calls on Lebanese to reconcile

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul urged the Lebanese people Saturday to work towards national reconciliation even if this did not automatically settle the country's external problems. He expressed hope that talks between the Lebanese and Israeli governments about the withdrawal of Israeli troops would not ignore the fate of Palestinian families "which are also sorely tried." During an audience for Nasri Salhab, Lebanon's new ambassador to the holy see, the Pope said that, in a world equipped with terrible destructive capacity, dialogue was the only responsible policy.

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Boucetta, Cambridge discuss Arab mission to London

RABAT (R) — Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta conferred in Rabat Saturday with British Ambassador John Cambridge on a visit to London by an Arab League mission. The Moroccan News Agency MAP said: "The agency said the seven-member mission led by King Hassan of Morocco was due in London "In the next few days". Diplomatic sources said dates at the end of January and in early February had been proposed by London. The mission postponed a visit to London last November when Britain refused to meet a PLO member in the delegation. The mission was set up last September to canvass support among the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council for an Arab League Middle East peace plan. It has already visited Washington, Paris, Moscow and Peking. Mr. Boucetta also received Abu Marwan, the chief PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) representative in Morocco, to discuss Middle East developments, the agency said.

Poles seek emigration to West

WARSAW (R) — More than 1,000 of the men and women who were interned under martial law in Poland have since applied to emigrate to the West, the Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu said. It said 1,228 former internees were among 4,166 people officially registered as applying to leave from March to December last year. Passports had been issued to 500 of those registered but only 144 had so far received visas from Western countries, it said. The authorities said early last year that released internees would be allowed to leave the country if they wished. Western embassies say they have been inundated with visa requests and some have brought in extra staff to handle the flow.

U.N. steps in to help Kurdish refugees

ROME (R) — The United Nations Saturday stepped in to help 24 Iraqi Kurds who have been shuttled between international airports for more than two weeks, officials at Rome's Fiumicino Airport said. The U.N. high commissioner for refugees is assuming responsibility for the Kurds and the Italian branch of the Catholic Charity, Caritas, will house them in Rome pending resettlement. The refugees, who say they fled Iraq because of ethnic persecution, were about to be sent back to Iran when the Italian Interior Ministry said they could temporarily enter Italy under United Nations auspices.

Italy's union federations call for strikes

ROME (R) — Italy's big three union federations, caught by surprise by a wave of spontaneous demonstrations against government austerity measures, Saturday called a series of regional strikes for next week to maintain the momentum of popular protest.

Danish captain fined for breaking British fishing law

NORTH SHIELDS, England (R) — A Danish trawler captain who was fined for breaking new British fishing rules has vowed he will prove the regulations illegal and have the judgment overturned. Kent Kirk, a fisherman's leader in Denmark and a member of the European parliament, paid up promptly Friday when he was fined 30,000 sterling (\$48,000) for a deliberate intrusion into newly-restricted British herring grounds. Britain and other Common Market countries imposed new restrictions because Denmark, in a bid to win itself a better deal, blocked a plan for regulating fishing in the whole community. Both Mr. Kirk and the Danish government believe the rules are illegal.

Politicians seek urgent end to Tripoli fighting

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanese politicians tried urgently Saturday to halt fighting between pro- and anti-Syrian factions in the northern port of Tripoli where hundreds of people have been killed or wounded during the past month.

As talks were held in Tripoli and Damascus, Lebanese radio stations reported further intermittent clashes Saturday in the city of 600,000 people. Universities, schools and banks remained closed there, state-run Beirut Radio said.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan flew to Damascus to see Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, and in Tripoli itself former Premier Rashid Karame, a native of the city, conferred with leaders of anti-Syrian factions.

The fighting, which has recurred at intervals over the past 18 months, involves the Syrian-backed Arab Democratic Party against a loose coalition of anti-Syrian groups, including pro-Iraqi and Islamic factions.

The usually well-informed Beirut daily newspaper Al Nahar reported Saturday from Tripoli that 168 people had been killed and 587 wounded since the latest bout of fighting began a month ago.

Mr. Wazzan made clear in a newspaper interview published here Saturday that he held Syrian peacekeeping forces responsible for security in Tripoli.

He told the daily Al Bayraq he was going to Damascus to define this responsibility and to remove obstacles for a restoration of peace in Tripoli.

The all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) has been deployed in and around Tripoli since it entered Lebanon in 1976 to end a civil war there. The anti-Syrians have charged that ADF artillery is shelling them from hills near the city.

In Tripoli, Mr. Karame and another former premier from the city, Amin Al Hafez, met representatives of four anti-Syrian groupings, state radio said.

A spokesman said the meeting had agreed on an immediate ceasefire, withdrawal of all armed men "especially foreigners," removal of heavy arms from the city and the entrusting of security duties to the Lebanese authorities.

A previous Karame plan proposed the division of security duties

Arafat in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat arrived here Saturday via Ramtha for a visit to Jordan and a meeting with His Majesty King Hussein. During the visit Mr. Arafat is expected to be briefed by the King on the outcome of his recent talks with President Reagan and U.S. senior officials and to continue the Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue.

In an arrival statement at the border post of Ramtha Mr. Arafat voiced his satisfaction with his personal relationship with King Hussein and referred to the deep understanding between Jordanians and Palestinians aimed at attaining Palestinian people's aspirations and safeguarding Arab national interests.

He described the Jordanian-Palestinian relations as "eternal, marked by the true Arab nature."

In reply to a question on recent statements that criticised the Jordanian-Palestinian meetings, Mr. Arafat reaffirmed the unity and the soundness of the Palestinian position at such meetings.

"The recent statement issued in Amman following PLO talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and the Higher Jordanian-Palestinian Committee meetings clearly defined the strong bilateral and true national ties binding the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples," Mr. Arafat pointed out.

In reply to Israeli calls for the establishment of a Palestinian homeland other than Palestine Mr. Arafat said that "Palestine is the only homeland for the Palestinians and Jerusalem is their capital."

Present at the border post of Ramtha to meet Mr. Arafat, were Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, senior Jordanian officials, PLO representative in Jordan Abdul Razak Al Yahya and other senior PLO officials and the deported mayor of Hebron Fahd Al Qaswani.

2 French ministers on Gulf visits

BAHRAIN (R) — Two senior French ministers were engaged in separate visits to the Gulf Saturday as part of France's stepped-up efforts for closer ties with the oil-rich region, also a big market for Western weapons and consumer goods.

In Muscat, French Defence Minister Charles Hernu arrived for two days of talks on Oman's role in the defence of the Straits of

Hormuz, the gateway to the Gulf oilfields.

A French embassy spokesman in Muscat said the question of arms sales was likely to come up in Mr. Hernu's discussions with Oman's deputy prime minister in charge of defence, Fahr Ibn Taimur Al Said. Mr. Hernu is the first French defence minister to visit Oman.

France is the world's third largest arms exporter after the United States and the Soviet Union.

In Bahrain, French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson discussed bilateral relations, the Iraq-Iran war and the Middle East problem with Bahraini leaders, officials said. He flies to Qatar Sunday.

80 suspected of being affected with diphtheria

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of 80 people suspected of being affected with diphtheria have been admitted to Al Bashir and University of Jordan hospitals in Amman since Dec. 20, according to Dr. Suleiman Qubain, director of the Health Ministry's health care department.

Out of this number, he said, eight proven cases are being treated at the University of Jordan Hospital and one case at Al Bashir Hospital with an additional nine suspected cases still under observation.

So far only three people have died, including a 10-year-old boy who died at Al Bashir Hospital Friday. Dr. Qubain said.

As to the measures taken by the ministry to deal with the situation, Dr. Qubain said that all suspected cases are admitted immediately to hospital for treatment where they are placed under strict medical surveillance and their contacts like schoolmates and close relatives are inoculated against the disease.

He said there is no need for

'PLO must resume armed struggle'

VIENNA (R) — A leading member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Saturday the PLO must resume its armed struggle to oppose what he called "Israeli military aggression." Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, chairman of the political department of the PLO, who is visiting Bulgaria, told a press conference in Sofia that the ousting of the PLO from Beirut had not altered its basic policy of establishing an independent Palestinian state, the official Bulgarian News Agency BTA reported. On Friday PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat told a large rally in Damascus the PLO would continue its armed struggle until an independent Palestinian state was established.

King briefs officers on outcome of his visit

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein chaired a meeting at the army headquarters Saturday afternoon to brief the senior officers on the outcome of his visits to China, the Soviet Union and France at the head of an Arab League seven-member committee to explain the Fez summit peace plan.

The King also spoke about the talks he held in Washington with President Reagan and other senior U.S. officials on peace efforts and Jordanian-Palestinian relations.

Attending the meeting were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Army Chief of Staff Fahd Abu Taleb, the director of public security, civil defence and general intelligence services.

At an earlier meeting at the army headquarters King Hussein passed several directives of concern to the Jordanian Armed Forces.

JTV interviews Israeli POWs

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Television Saturday broadcast an interview with Israeli prisoners of war detained by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) forces in Lebanon.

JTV Hebrew broadcast Haroun Mahmid recently visited the Israeli prisoners and spent several days with them.

Mr. Mahmid recorded the interview for the JTV.

In Saturday's programme, one of the Israeli war prisoners said that he and his colleagues were treated well by the Palestinian forces.

He also criticised policies of the Begin government, and encouraged recent negotiations about the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the occupied territories.

The prisoners who appeared in the interview appeared in good health and sent their greetings to their families.

JTV will broadcast the rest of the interviews with the Israeli war prisoners during the coming days.

Meanwhile, Palestinian sources said that the PLO will agree to free the Israeli soldiers only if the Israelis free all the Palestinian detainees at Al Anssar Camp in Lebanon and all other Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails who are sentenced to 15 years or more.

The source said that the free Palestinians should have the choice to either stay in the occupied territories or leave after they are released.

Howe in Riyadh to seek Saudi loans to IMF

BAHRAIN (R) — Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe arrived in Saudi Arabia Saturday, stressing quick action to find ways to support the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

Sir Geoffrey is in Saudi Arabia in his capacity as chairman of the IMF's key 22-member interim committee. He is accompanied by IMF Managing Director Jacques De Larosiere.

According to monetarist sources in Washington, Sir Geoffrey will seek four to five billion dollars in Saudi loans to shore up the IMF's dwindling resources and enable the agency to help poorer countries with their balance of payments problems.

Saudi Arabia has already advanced about eight billion dollars in loans to the IMF and it is not certain it will be willing to provide more, the sources said.

Saudi Finance Minister Mohammad Abal-Khalil, who met Sir Geoffrey on arrival, said the PLO in the IMF, but met United States opposition.

W. German election campaigns begin

BONN (R) — Full-scale campaigning began Saturday for West Germany's general elections on March 6 with unemployment and U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles emerging as the main issues.

The campaigns got into swing after three weeks of preliminary skirmishing which started when Chancellor Helmut Kohl deliberately lost a parliamentary no-confidence vote.

The election date was fixed Friday by President Karl Carstens who dissolved parliament despite what he called misgivings about the no-confidence vote procedure.

Mr. Schmidt's government fell

when the small Liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) quit his Social Democrats (SPD) and formed a new coalition with the conservatives.

CDU General Secretary and Health Minister Heiner Geissler branded the SPD as "the party of unemployment, bankruptcy and state debts."

Unemployment in West Germany rose by half a million last year to reach 3.2 million in December—9.1 per cent of the workforce—and is expected to hit the 2.5 million mark before the end of this winter.

Conservatives have said they believe the electorate is sophis-

ticated enough to realise that the centre-right coalition has not had enough time to make inroads on a rising unemployment rate left by the previous government.

SPD executive member Wolfgang Roth responded by accusing the government of doing nothing about unemployment and leaving market forces to deal with the problem.

If unemployment is undoubtedly the issue which most worries the average voter, the prospect of medium-range U.S. nuclear missiles being deployed in West Germany later this year is a close second.

He said there is no need for

worry or concern provided all children get their anti-diphtheria vaccination on time and in accordance with Health Ministry regulations.

He said, people are advised to avoid crowded places and to call on a doctor in case of high fever or sore throats.

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Calm prevails in Corsica after week-long turmoil

AJACCIO, Corsica (R) — Corsica was calm Saturday after a week of political turmoil as guerrillas seeking the island's independence from France drastically reduced the level of violence.

Informed sources said the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC) was reconsidering its strategy after being outlawed by the government and suffering a wave of condemnation by ordinary Corsicans.

Police said the only incident in the past 24 hours was the destruction by a bomb of a small yacht in the northern port of Calvi during the night.

More than 200 people demonstrated Saturday at Petreto-

Bicchisano near Ajaccio against the FLNC bombing campaign in the second large-scale public repudiation of the guerrillas this week.

The sources said the sudden fall in the number of attacks by the FLNC, which carried out almost 100 bombings last year, was partly due to intensified police activity against them.

Nationalists sources indicated also that a split had emerged in the FLNC between militants who wanted to continue the campaign of violence and moderates favouring increased emphasis on political action.

The guerrillas do not deny making financial demands on rich Cor-

sicans and on French families whom they are trying to force out of Corsica.

Informed sources said militant members of the FLNC were exerting pressure within the organisation for a renewed campaign of violence in mainland France as part of the next phase of FLNC activity.

Attacks in France stopped during a truce the FLNC observed for a period after President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist government came to power in May 1981.

The sources added that although the violence had been scaled down after a surge in the number of bombings at the end of 1982, the systematic intimidation

of French settlers in Corsica was continuing.

HOME NEWS

Arab host countries discuss status of Palestinian refugees

By Aifah A. Kaloti
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The status of Palestinian people in the Arab World, travel, residence, work and travel documents were the major issues discussed Saturday by delegates of Arab countries hosting Palestinian refugees.

Delegates representing Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Arab League gathered here at the 30th session of the conference of Arab countries hosting Palestinian refugees to review the conditions of Palestinians and the services offered to them by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

Delegates at the seven-day conference, which opened last Tuesday, received during Saturday's meeting a telegram from the UNRWA. Teachers Association Lebanon saying that teachers as well as employees of the agency were threatened with dismissals if they do not resume work ignoring

the conditions of their Israeli-detained colleagues and other displaced employees.

The conference responded to the cable by issuing several recommendations, including a proposal that the Lebanese government form a working committee in Lebanon to handle refugees' issues in the light of resolutions adopted at past conferences of host Arab countries for Palestinian refugees.

The proposed committee should include representatives of Lebanese government, the PLO and the UNRWA, the conference suggested.

During the meeting it was agreed that a united Arab stand regarding refugees' issues will be

taken in the emergency meeting of the UNRWA's consultative committee to be held in Vienna at a date still to be decided on.

Representatives from Belgium, France, Japan, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States will participate in the Vienna meeting.

The conference also reviewed recommendations by the United Nations General Assembly in its last session on the Palestinian issue.

Delegates noted that all recommendations related to the Palestinian issue and affairs whether in the occupied territories or looked after by the UNRWA are always rejected by the U.S.

The delegates condemned the American stand on such issues and recommended that future cooperation among Arab countries as well as among U.N. member states will be based on their stands towards the Palestinian issue.

The conference is expected to conclude its meetings Sunday and recommended that its next session will be held next Friday at the Arab League General Secretariat headquarters in Tunis.

Literacy brought down to 30% in 21 years

AMMAN (Petra) — The minister of education, and head of the Higher Jordanian Committee for Adult Education and Eradication of Illiteracy, Dr. Sa'id Al Tal said today the percentage of illiteracy in Jordan has fallen from 67 per cent in 1961 to 30 per cent in 1982.

Marking the Illiteracy Eradication Day, Mr. Tal said in a statement on the occasion that Jordan was among the first

developing countries that made an early beginning at setting up a nine-year compulsory education system, aimed at "filtering the very origin of illiteracy by educating all youngsters."

The Ministry of Education, Dr. Tal said, offers every possible support for opening adult-education classes to the extent of holding classes with qualified teachers and books to any number of citizens above the age of 15.

Delegations to attend meeting of Union of Arab Universities

AMMAN (J.T.) — Delegations representing two Jordanian universities have left for Khartoum to take part in Union of Arab Universities (UAC) meeting scheduled to open Sunday. The delegation representing the University of Jordan is headed by Vice-President Mahmoud Al Samra and Bethlehem University is represented by its president, Dr. Michael Sabbat. During the four-day meeting the delegations will discuss a number of subjects connected with bolstering scientific and educational cooperation among Arab universities and ways of boosting scientific research along with topics pertaining to the union's administrative financial affairs.

Central Bank asks exchangers to follow strict regulations

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Central Bank has asked all moneychangers in Jordan to abide strictly by regulations issued by the bank regarding foreign exchange transactions. A circular distributed to the moneychangers said that they have to file daily lists of exchange rates all currencies they deal with and file them in prominent places for the public to see clearly. The moneychangers were asked also to keep records of all transactions and all deposits of foreign currency they have and their corresponding value in Jordanian currency as well as accounts books which should contain accurate figures that can be referred to in legal cases.

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Mining company prospects for phosphates in northern Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Phosphates Mines Company (JPMC) Director-General Ali Nasr formed Saturday a special committee to conduct a survey on two sites between Daar Ahi Sa'id and Wadi Samman in the northern part of the country where phosphate deposits were reported to have been spotted.

The University of Jordan had informed the JPMC of the presence of phosphates in the region and according to the company's Deputy Technical Director Ishaq Al Jallad the JPMC and the university will continue to cooperate in the field of developing Jordan's natural resources.

He said a six-member university team had reported the find during its visit to conduct scientific studies in the region towards the end of the last year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Russeifa to have public building complex

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) approved Saturday a tender for constructing a government departments complex at Russeifa at a cost of JD 388,618. Work on the project, which will be financed by Russeifa Municipality, is expected to start after signing a contract with a local firm. The municipality is obtaining a loan from the CVDB to build the complex.

Union team to convey condolences to Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian labour delegation left for Baghdad Saturday to convey condolences to labour union leaders on the death of the Iraqi union's leader, Khalil Abu Khurshid, and the labour union's president in Basra. Both unionists died in a road accident on Thursday. The Jordanian delegation is led by the vice president of the General Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions, Mohammad Al Sayed.

European Parliament official expected

AMMAN (Petra) — The chairman of the political affairs committee of the European Parliament is due here Jan. 15 for a visit to Jordan expected to last several days. He is expected to hold talks with Jordanian officials on Middle East developments.

Madaba to plant saplings on Arbor Day

MADABA (Petra) — The agricultural department here says a total of 4,000 forest saplings are now available for planting by members of the public on Jan. 15, the national Arbor Day. According to department, the area to be planted is nearly 200 dunums in Madaba and the surrounding area. In addition it said, 11,475 saplings will be planted in pasture lands in Madaba District during the current agricultural season.

University of Jordan examinations begin

AMMAN (Petra) — Mid-year examinations started Saturday at the University of Jordan's different faculties. After the week-long session, the university will be closed until Feb. 5 when it will open for the second half of the current academic year.

Irbid towns get development loans

IRBID (Petra) — The Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) has approved a loan of JD 60,000 to Ajlara town in Irbid Governorate and JD 20,000 for nearby Ba'un and Samou'. The loans will finance building of schools, purchase of land for municipal purposes and construction of roads.

Scanning electron microscope makes science-fiction out of mundane objects

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

in the same way as one would use a brush and not by a scientist, but by an artist — James Neal Phillips.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, a ceramicist, first became interested in the SEM during his studies at the University of Iowa. A poster from the Biology Department with a photograph of an object that looked very similar to the forms Phillips was at that time creating in clay, offered lessons on how to use the SEM to students outside the faculty. Phillips applied and gained a grant to use the SEM from an aesthetic point of view — much to the initial scepticism of the laboratory technicians and biology students. Later when they saw the results he was obtaining they became so enthusiastic they would constantly be offering him their

along with the labelling of the actual specimen photographed are not important. He argues that the viewer should detach himself from these irrelevancies and let his imagination run loose so that he can enjoy the beauty of nature's incomparable forms and allow himself to "wander through these landscapes beyond the periphery".

Phillips believes his work to be unique. Although a lot of scientists have published these images in the form of coffee table books for the wonder and aesthetic pleasure of the layman, none have manipulated the microscope in order to achieve different effects. As to a scientist, an imprecise image is one that must be discarded.

The artist maintains that he has barely scratched the surface of this field, the potential of the SEM being enormous. "A person could spend an entire artistic lifetime using it, and with the continual improvement of the microscope there are more and more new effects waiting to be discovered." In the future Phillips would like to add colour to the process which would be done in an arbitrary way by inputting the black and white print into a video screen.

Whether these photographs can be classed as "art" is discussed in a provocative introduction written by the artist, some points of which few would disagree with. Whatever one's personal viewpoint, these photographs are original, immensely stimulating and totally absorbing.

The exhibition opens Sunday at 6:00 p.m. after the artist has given a lecture about his work and continues until Tuesday, Jan. 18.

ART REVIEW

own new finds to photograph.

Over a period of a year and a half, Phillips produced some 300 photographs, of which this exhibit is but a small selection. They are however sufficient to show how Phillips played with the SEM controls to make his landscapes. By rotating the specimen through 360° by moving it backwards and forwards, to the right and to the left, as he did in "Fungus 2" he smeared the image and achieved waves and ripples — an illusion of depth that is almost tangible.

Far from being shots of the surface of Jupiter brought back by some wandering satellite, however, these photographs are of much more mundane objects — leaves, cucumbers, mites — as seen under the amazing magnification of the scanning electron microscope (SEM). In these days of mass communications we have all seen the fascinating results of this process from time to time, but what makes these shots so different from the normal SEM pictures is that the microscope has been manipulated to give the images it produces the qualities of a landscape.

In other words the SEM has been used as an artistic tool, much

like a paintbrush.

But these details, Phillips feels

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By Ian Yannell

Reuter

JAKARTA — Essential equipment for reading foreign newspapers in Indonesia includes a pair of rubber gloves, tweezers and a powerful lamp.

It is common in Jakarta's hotel lobbies to see people trying to peel apart the sticky pages of Time or Newsweek magazines with ink-stained fingers.

Others peer at fellow guests through a hole neatly cut in the front page of the Asian Wall Street Journal or myopically hold the International Herald Tribune

Some find it difficult to read a newspaper in Indonesia

up to the light.

The reason is censorship, which officially does not exist.

Subscribers to the Herald Tribune who telephoned the distributor recently to ask why they had not received their copy were told the entire issue had fallen victim to censorship and been banned by the attorney general's office.

The ban was apparently due to an article on President Suharto's leadership style, reprinted from

the Washington Post.

Enterprising readers, wielding eyelash tweezers in sticky fingers, can often get clues to the offending articles from the odd words still legible under a mass of printer's ink. Others, their curiosity aroused, get copies under plain cover from abroad or photocopies from embassies.

The constitution guarantees freedom of expression, both written and spoken, but the local press is bound by a "consensus" with

the government not to publish news which might inflame religious or ethnic sentiments, or other matters deemed sensitive.

As foreign journalists are not included in this, the only way to control the inflow of their news into Indonesia is by censorship.

Last May the government effectively banned seven foreign newspapers by not renewing their import licenses — the Dutch NRC Handelsblad, the London Observer, Le Figaro, L'Europe

and France-Soir from France, and Australia's Sydney Morning Herald and the Australian.

Censoring of the foreign press still allowed in is sometimes done haphazardly by importers.

A recent Newsweek edition on Hong Kong, for example, had its front cover completely blackened and papered over apparently because it showed a street scene with many billboards and shop signs in Chinese characters.

Displays of Chinese characters

have been banned in Indonesia since the abortive Communist coup of 1965 which the government said was masterminded by Peking.

Ironically those responsible for blacking out the offending characters apparently cannot distinguish Chinese from Japanese or Korean script, which also suffer when they appear in pictures or advertisements.

Importers of foreign magazines and newspapers are sometimes

overzealous in self-censoring articles.

But one company spokesman said if they always waited for a decision from the attorney general's office, subscribers would complain of late delivery.

So they black out every Indonesian-dated line story and all script which could be Chinese.

The local press also suffers censorship. Last year one daily newspaper and one national news magazine had their publication

permits revoked for months for reporting general election violence and carrying the unofficial election results.

A new press law abolished the need for individual publications to obtain such permits but made it compulsory for a publishing company to have a general "licence for press publication."

Critics of the new law say it strengthens the government's control over the national press.

They say the government can now paralyse a company's entire operation, instead of just closing down one of its publications.

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Symbol of the alternative

LEBANESE President Amin Gemayel's latest appeal for help from U.S. President Ronald Reagan is not Lebanon's best hope of getting the occupying Israeli forces out of that country. Syrian and Palestinian withdrawal from the Bekaa Valley and the north under the present circumstances is not the answer either. Mere Arab condemnation of Israel's militaristic behaviour and policies of extortion and blackmail seems to encourage rather than deter aggression. The United Nations is politically bankrupt, and the international community looks helpless to do anything about the situation.

There is not, then, much hope that Lebanon will regain its sovereignty soon, except perhaps on Israeli-dictated terms orchestrated and blessed by the United States.ately, however, resistance attacks against invading Israelis were stepped up, raising hopes of renewed determination to fight the enemy and illuminating but a dark area of a much-needed Arab strength.

The guerrilla attacks, whether carried out by Lebanese or Palestinian groups or individuals, symbolise the alternative to giving up. It may not be militarily significant that Israel lost nine soldiers, and another 33

injured, in Lebanon since Dec. 1, but the attacks should constantly remind the Israelis of the price they have to pay for their aggression and continued occupation of that, or any other, Arab country and territory. It is now high time for the Arabs to remember that without the will to fight and resist and to build up the necessary strength for defending the homeland, Israel is unlikely ever to abandon his expansionist plans to build an empire from the Nile to the Euphrates.

Lebanon, as we should be well aware, cannot be left as a test case for American diplomacy in the Middle East. At stake there is whether Israel could bring the Lebanese to negotiate first and then agree to Israeli filling the Arab vacuum, right under U.S. auspices. In that case, President Gemayel may appeal for help from the U.S. and the whole world may remain silent, but the Arabs cannot simply afford to leave it up to the Israelis to reap the fruit of their occupation of half of the country. The fact that Arab resistance groups are stepping up their attacks against the Israeli occupation forces at this difficult time proves that neither has the battle been lost nor will the Arabs give up easily, but that much more needs to be done.

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I Ra'i: Time for U.S. to break self-created barriers

few days ago Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir pointed out that direct Israeli-Palestinian contacts were under way to outline an agreement for the release of Israeli prisoners of war held by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Following that, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Palestinian forces Khalil Al Wazir dismissed as founded Mr. Shamir's statement.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that Israel, some or another, is ready to hold talks with the PLO, regardless of the motives, or whether real contacts take place or not.

Does not this principle of Israeli acceptance of Eding talks with PLO representatives rebuff all accusations made by the U.S. administration for not fitting into a direct dialogue with the Palestinian leadership?

It is obvious that the prisoners' issue is a by-product of the Palestinian problem, and a direct result of the military confrontation between the invading Israeli forces and Palestinian fighters, in Lebanon and which definitely testifies to the political nature of the issue. And as long as Israel is

ready to talk this aspect of the root-problem, it is strange that the U.S. administration should have any reservations to opening a direct dialogue with the PLO, and reconsidering its attitude towards Palestinian rights.

It may be argued that the prisoners issue is a human one, but this can not rule out the political background of the question. A similar situation now presents itself. Palestinian rights are basically political, but this does not deny these rights their human aspect.

It is hard to find any reasonable justification for the U.S. administration to refrain from holding direct talks with the PLO on Palestinian human rights, when Israel has accepted the principle of direct talks with the PLO on the Israeli prisoners' question.

The time has come for the Americans to bypass the barrier they had created themselves, as their stand towards the Palestinians and their legitimate representatives has far hardened the Israeli line of thinking, and made any progress in the peace process in the region rather difficult.

I Dustour: Israel tries another form of blackmail

President Yitzhak Navon asserts that the people should have held solidarity rallies in Israel for its barbaric invasion of Lebanon and the crimes committed against the Palestinian and Lebanese people. Mr. Navon also seems to think that the Egyptian press should have favoured mass annihilation of defenceless civilians by Israel and hailed them as glorious deeds, or else it would be conspiring against peace in the region, according to the Israeli book.

Furthermore, if the Egyptians do not withhold their tongue and stop criticising Israeli crimes, it will be in a position to support President Sadat's peace initiative for the Middle East.

The whole world condemned the barbarian and

Nazi-style Israeli practices against the Palestinian and Lebanese people, but to Navon and the extremist mentality that administers Israel, it is unforgivable that the Egyptian people, press and government take a responsible stand towards the Israeli invasion and war-crimes in Lebanon. The argument behind such falsifications is that they represent a violation of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

If this is the case, and taking into account the blatant failure of the Israeli-Lebanese negotiations on Lebanon, and nevertheless the ineffective American role in these talks, it is quite natural to apprehend that peace prospects for the Middle East can in no way be promising.

Investigation into the Sabra and Shatila massacres nearing the end

By Galina Vromen
Reuter

TEL AVIV — A judicial inquiry into the Beirut massacre of Palestinians, whose hearings have rocked Israel, is nearing the end of a potentially explosive investigation that began almost 11 weeks ago. It is winding up behind closed doors, with the three-man commission taking final testimony from generals and politicians anxious to answer damaging allegations about their role.

For the past week the commission has mostly heard testimony from witnesses who chose to reappear because they wanted a chance to clear their names or rebut evidence given by others. The atmosphere has changed since the commission began its sitings on Oct. 19 in a drab classroom on Jerusalem's Hebrew University campus. At the start it was just the commission, headed by Chief Justice Yitzhak Kahan, which asked the questions.

Bury generals wriggled uncomfortably on the witness seat as they explained why and how Israel sent Falangists into Beirut refugee camps to round up Palestinian guerrillas — an operation that turned into tragedy when the Lebanese militia began killing hundreds of innocent, defenceless civilians. Defence Minister Ariel Sharon gulped down glass after glass of water when he faced the commission at its first open session.

The dramatic move that changed the whole tenor of the investigation was the commission's warning to nine witnesses that they could be harmed by its findings. The nine included Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Mr. Sharon, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and three top generals. It prompted most of the nine

to hire lawyers, whose cross-examination of witnesses and frequent interventions have given the hearings a courtroom atmosphere.

After the last evidence is heard, it will probably take weeks for the commission to sift through volumes of transcripts and compile its report. Mr. Begin has made clear that if his government is blamed, he will press for a general election. Public sessions showed the commission focussing on what the government knew of the operation's risks and how quickly Israel moved to stop the killings once it heard of the massacre.

Massacre in detail

Following is a detailed picture of last September's events as it emerged at the commission hearings:

4 PM: First reports that Falange leader and president-elect Bashir Gemayel may have been assassinated in explosion at Phalange headquarters in Beirut. 8 PM: midnight: Israelis, in meetings between Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, Mr. Begin and Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, plan to move into west Beirut to police area if Gemayel has been killed. When assassination is confirmed, Israeli troops are ordered to enter west Beirut at dawn.

Wednesday, Sept. 15
5 AM: Israeli troops enter Beirut. Around the same time, General Eitan and General Amir Drori, in charge of Israeli action in Lebanon, meet Flane in first discussion of militiamen's entry into the camps, according to General Eitan's testimony.

Thursday, Sept. 16
10 AM: Israelis receive final orders that Falange to enter camps to sweep out close to 2,000 Palestinian guerrillas who have been firing from the camps, according to

Friday, Sept. 17

7:30 PM: Israeli cabinet meets and is told of Falange entry into the camps. The only cabinet member to raise any concern about the move is Deputy Prime Minister David Levy. Chief of Staff Eitan warns Falange are "sharpening their knives" for revenge, according to meeting minutes read out by the commission in questioning. Mr. Begin testified he did not hear General Eitan because he was busy preparing summary of the meeting.

10:11 PM: General Yaron said he received irregular reports with fluctuating numbers of 120, 300, 45 killed, "terrorists and civilians" in the camp. He cannot confirm the reports and decides not to pass them on.

Friday, Sept. 17

General Drori and front-line Commander Amos Yaron. A military intelligence officer, is awakened with a report that 300 people were killed in the camps. He testified he had the report passed on to Mr. Sharon's aide, Avi Dudai. Lawyers for Mr. Sharon's aide, Avi Dudai. Lawyers for

and to Defense Ministry. Mr. Sharon acknowledges receiving a message that Americans reporting Falange in the camp, but said he did not react because "there was nothing new in this."

8 PM: Hanan Baron, deputy director-general of Foreign Ministry, said he received a call from an unnamed American official of rumoured Israeli shelling of Palestinians in a Beirut refugee camp, later proved untrue. He said he passed the information on to an aide of Mr. Begin, but the aide, Lieutenant Azriel Nevo, denied he ever spoke to Mr. Baron about this.

8:30 PM: Mr. Sharon spoke to General Eitan who told him the Falange had "caused more civilian casualties than expected." Eitan told him the militias had been ordered out by dawn, according to the defense minister's testimony, Saturday, Sept. 18.

5:30 AM: General Yaron sees from Israeli forward outpost Falange leading Europeans out of the camp. Falange claim their prisoners are Baader-Meinhof terrorists. Israelis question them and discover they are doctors from the camp hospital.

6:30 AM: Last of Falange leave the camp. Morning hours: A furious Mr. Draper calls Israel's Foreign Ministry representative in Beirut, Bruce Kashdan, to say he has people counting dead bodies in the camp and clearly holding Israel responsible.

Zev Zacharin, an aide to General Eitan, testified the general told him Mr. Begin called in the morning to ask about reports of Israeli shootings in Gaza hospital, bordering the camps. Mr. Begin denied ever making the call and said he was in synagogue all morning.

Mr. Begin said he first heard of the massacre in a BBC radio broadcast on Saturday evening.

Dunums by the hundred

JERUSALEM — The pioneers of Zionism, so legend has it, used to encourage their more faint-hearted colleagues by telling them they would build the Jewish state "one dunum at a time." This gradualistic concept had been central to Israel's colonisation of the occupied territories since their troops moved in 1967.

Meanwhile farmers from Beit Jarar in the Ramallah district complained to the press that Israel from a nearby settlement simply drove heavy equipment on to "several hundred dunums" of their land and started ploughing it up. Settlers, the villagers say, kept them off their property at gunpoint and are now claiming the areas as their own. At the end of a busy week for the court, Hebron municipality was granted an order which should halt military government plans to destroy Arab homes in areas around Nahlius. At present kibbutz and Gush Emunim settlers are almost exclusively western Jews: the only opposition to settlement policy within the government coalition comes from groups supported mainly by Sephardis.

As they accrue more and more land the Israelis are turning their full attention to increasing the number of settlers. In an announcement timed to coincide with the opening of the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem on Dec. 9, settlement officials

announced that the number of Israelis in the occupied territories would double in the next three months to around 50,000. They based their estimate on the fact that planners expect to have finished 6,000 apartments in dormitory settlements within easy commuting distance of Israel's main urban centres. They say that they will be occupied immediately.

Settlement experts in Israel are encouraged, that middle-class Ashkenazi Jews have begun to take full advantage of regulations allowing them to own property in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip which were promulgated by the military authorities two years ago. According to local press reports they are now considering plans to encourage Oriental Jewish settlement in areas around Nahlius. At present kibbutz and Gush Emunim settlers are almost exclusively western Jews: the only opposition to settlement policy within the government coalition comes from groups supported mainly by Sephardis.

At the Zionist Congress fights broke out between Tami delegates and supporters of Begin's Herut party. Tami is a predominantly Moroccan Jewish party founded before the last elections. The fight started when Tami backers heckled speakers calling for more cash for settlements. With the increase of settlements and settlers and the apparent inability of outside forces to back their condemnations with muscle there is now speculations about how long it will be before the situation becomes irreversible. Elias Freij, the mayor of Bethlehem, puts the time scale as "two or three years" only on present efforts to stem the tide.

Meanwhile one Israeli liberal sees a link between the settlement surge and the latest outbreak of violence in the West Bank. Matti Peled, a retired general and leader of the small Sheli party, said in reaction to news that a Palestinian youth had been shot dead in Nahlius on Dec. 18: "This is part of an Israeli plan of oppression aimed at breaking the resistance of Nahlius in preparation for settlers to enter and erect settlements similar to that at Kiryat Arba in Hebron." Samir Taslaq died from chest wounds after border guards shot at the legs of demonstrators at a Nahlius school. The protesters were opposing the repeated curfews imposed on nearby Balata refugee camp, the scene of several clashes between its occupants and settlers going to pray at an impromptu religious school set up nearby. Since settlers shot dead a local boy in October the cars and buses have been stoned almost daily. Residents tell reporters that they see the religious school as the first step in the path outlined by Peled.

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Belgium: Unending economic crisis

By Ethan Bronner
Reuter

BRUSSELS — Belgium's centre-right coalition has survived a difficult year of harsh austerity measures but the country's unending economic crisis makes its future insecure. Twelve months ago Prime Minister Wilfried Martens put together his fifth coalition in four years and moved rapidly to set the crippled economy back on its feet.

Clamped controls on wages and prices, daubed the franc by eight and a half per cent, reduced social security payments, cut family allowances and provided incentives to industry through tax relief and the creation of enterprise zones. His survival thus far, and the victory in local elections last October, suggest Belgium is still willing to give his programme a chance. If the government serves its full four-year term, it will be a post-war record.

But unemployment, the highest in the European Community, has continued to rise, the country's main steel company is on the verge of bankruptcy, and the trade unions are fuming. A variety of indicators show moderate success for the first year of what is called here the "Martens government mark five." Kredietbank, one of the country's leading commercial banks, estimates that next year's balance of payments current account deficit for the Belgo-Luxembourg economic union will be cut to about 100 billion francs (\$2 billion) from an estimated 150 billion francs (\$3 billion) this year.

The Belgian franc looks stronger than in many months and few predict any need for another devaluation. The country's retail index has risen nearly every month since May, the industrial production index rose more than 19 per cent in September, the latest available month, and export profit margins are up an average 15 per cent. To continue the upturn, Mr. Martens plans further wage and price restrictions and continued reductions in social security. Those, say Le Soir newspaper, will make 1983 an extremely difficult year for the average Belgian, whose real income will go down for the second year in a row. It suggests that will not make political survival any easier.

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SPORTS

Clough's Forest suffers shock defeat in F.A. Cup 3rd round

LONDON (R) — Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest suffered a shock 2-0 English Football Association (F.A.) Cup third round exit against Derby County, managed by Clough's close friend and former partner Peter Taylor. Saturday.

It was the first confrontation between Clough and Taylor who ended a long and successful partnership and went their separate ways last year.

Derby, bottom of the second division, emerged victorious against their visiting first division rivals through second half goals by former Forest player Archie Gemmill and Andy Hill.

Elsewhere there were few upsets although Liverpool, the clear favourites and runaway first division leaders, trailed at second division Blackburn for a five-minute period in the first half.

Simon Garner fired Blackburn ahead in the 24th minute but the tide's brief moment of glory was ended when David Hodgson lammed home an 18th minute equaliser. Ian Rush settled the issue with his 22nd goal of the season a minute before half time.

Tottenham, bidding for a third successive Cup triumph — only two clubs, Blackburn and Wan-

ders, have achieved the feat previously — beat fellow first division Southampton 1-0.

Mike Hazard struck in the 50th minute and Tottenham went on to complete their 17th F.A. tie without defeat.

Manchester United beat first division rivals West Ham 2-0 at home in the glamour clash of the round.

Steve Coppell scored in the 31st minute from a corner and Frank Stapleton added the second nine minutes into the second half.

First division Everton almost tasted defeat at third division Newport. Dave Gwyther opened the scoring for the Welsh club in the second half but Everton scrambled a late equaliser through Kevin Sheedy.

Ipswich were another top division club who had to claw their way back into contention against opposition from the lower divisions.

Martin Robinson and Derek Hales scored in a two-minute first half burst for Charlton but Ipswich showed their character by leveling before the interval through Dutchman Frans Thijssen and a John Wark penalty. Wark added a match-winning second goal in injury time.

West Bromwich Albion avenged last season's semifinal

defeat by Queens Park Rangers with a thrilling 3-2 win.

Terry Fenwick fired Rangers level from the penalty spot after Gary Owen opened the scoring for Albion with a 27th minute penalty, then Gary Mickewhite was on hand to score the second equaliser after Owen had put hosts Albion ahead again. Peter Eastoe sealed the outcome moments later.

European Champions Aston Villa came away from fourth division Northampton thankful for a 1-0 victory achieved through a 34th minute goal by stand-in striker Mark Walters.

Two of the three part-time non-League survivors were beaten while the third, Bishop's Stortford, achieved a remarkable 2-2 draw at second division Middlesbrough.

Stephen Bell fired Middlesbrough into a 2-0 lead with two goals in two minutes but Bishop's Stortford forced a deserved replay when Richard Bradfield replied

with two goals in a three-minute second half burst.

A Paul Moss penalty gave visiting Worcester the lead at Coventry but Steve Whitton scored twice and Mark Hatfield once for the first division club.

Weymouth's hopes ended with a 1-0 defeat at second division Cambridge.

McLeod scored Scottish Premier League leaders Celtic's 100th goal of the season Saturday — and it was enough to keep the Glasgow side three points clear to the top.

McLeod blasted home the only goal of the away match against St Mirren on the half hour to bring Celtic's Premier League haul to 34 out of a possible 36.

Aberdeen, Celtic's nearest challengers, maintained their title chase with a hard fought 2-0 home win over Morton. They had to wait until the 70th minute before Neil Simpson broke the deadlock.

The few "snow traps" which have survived the rain and warm weather have been swamped with skiers weaving across narrow strips of white.

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Pakistan wins third test

FAISALABAD, Pakistan (R) —

Another colossal all-round performance by captain Imran Khan gave Pakistan a comfortable 10-wicket win over India in the third cricket test here Saturday to give them a 2-0 lead in the six-test series.

Imran took 11 for 182 in the match, as well as scoring a brilliant 117, to take the Man of the Match award for the second test in a row.

India, resuming Saturday at 181 for three, added only 105 runs as Imran and Sarfraz Nawaz destroyed their bat.

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World best times set at U.S. international swimming meet

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (R) —

Two world best times were set Friday night in the sixth annual U.S. swimming international, with the American team and the powerful East German women holding the spotlight.

Jeff Kostoff of the U.S. won the men's 800 metre freestyle in 7 minutes, 44.53 seconds — a time that even surprised him — and East German Bernd Meineke set the other mark in the women's 200

metres butterfly in 54.15, and Petric grabbed the 200-metre freestyle in 1:48.27.

The U.S. women won their 800-metre freestyle relay in 8:01.46 but Sweden outclassed the U.S. in the men's 800 relay in 7:21.46. The U.S. team was timed at 7:27.25.

The competition resumes Saturday afternoon with preliminaries in six more events, with finals at night.

At stake are titles for both men and women in the 400-metre individual medley, 50-metre freestyle, 200 breast, 100-metre backstroke, 400-metre freestyle, and 400-metre medley relay.

Borg defeats Connors

ROSEMONT, Illinois (R) —

Bjorn Borg of Sweden defeated American Jimmy Connors 6-4, 6-2 and John McEnroe of the United States beat Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-2 Friday night in the \$250,000 men's tennis challenge.

But the results did not mean much. All four players had already clinched places in the semi-finals by winning their first two matches in the round robin competition.

Friday night's results mean that Borg and McEnroe won the groups, and in the semi-finals Borg faces Lendl and McEnroe meets Connors.

In another match Friday night,

and Eliot Teltscher beat fellow-American Sandy Mayer 6-3, 7-6.

Borg, who returns to the Grand Prix circuit last month, beat Connors in the first game of the crucial third set, winning every point of the game and to break Connors' momentum.

Lendl has beaten McEnroe in most of their meetings over the past year, so McEnroe was pleased to win Friday night. Afterwards, McEnroe raised his hands in victory and said: "It's very gratifying."

Lendl described his play as "lousy. My two main weapons are my return serve and my serve and neither of them was working."

Mild weather disrupts Europe's international skiing season

their best seasons in a decade with excellent snow though lower spending by tourists is likely to hit revenue, according to local officials.

The freezing point in the Swiss Alps was as high as 3,000 metres Thursday, a level it normally reaches only in summer months, and temperatures in the valleys were an extremely mild 13 degrees celsius.

Authorities in several countries have warned of increased danger from avalanches during the thaw.

The poor weather seems likely to deal a further blow to the Swiss hotel industry, already hit last year by economic recession in other countries. Some 60 per cent of Swiss hoteliers expect fewer guests this year, according to a survey by union bank of Switzerland last month.

A spokesman for the Swiss Tourism Association in Bern said hotel bookings could be about five percent lower this season than last and some cancellations might be expected this month.

The winter sports season got off to a bad start with a warm spell in December. After a short improvement around Christmas, westerly winds bringing rain from the Bay of Biscay swept away much of the snow, weathermen said.

Borg defeats Connors

ROSEMONT, Illinois (R) —

Bjorn Borg of Sweden defeated American Jimmy Connors 6-4, 6-2 and John McEnroe of the United States beat Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-2 Friday night in the \$250,000 men's tennis challenge.

But the results did not mean much. All four players had already clinched places in the semi-finals by winning their first two matches in the round robin competition.

Friday night's results mean that Borg and McEnroe won the groups, and in the semi-finals Borg faces Lendl and McEnroe meets Connors.

In another match Friday night,

and Eliot Teltscher beat fellow-American Sandy Mayer 6-3, 7-6.

Borg, who returns to the Grand Prix circuit last month, beat Connors in the first game of the crucial third set, winning every point of the game and to break Connors' momentum.

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Italian cabinet approves austerity measures

ROME (R) — Italy's centre-right coalition government has approved harsh new austerity measures despite a wave of worker protests that swept the country Friday.

The cabinet of Christian Democratic Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani Friday night voted through a series of decrees that will mean Italians must pay more for health care and insurance.

Trade unions, politicians and employers meanwhile were taking stock of Friday's worker demonstrations against the cuts. The outbursts were some of the angriest to hit Italy for years.

The government's policies have already meant higher fares and prices for a range of public services and utilities. "The politicians can go by car but the people have to get on the bus," one Roman said as he boarded a bus, on which the fare had just been doubled.

Sinclair to offer shares

LONDON (R) — Clive Sinclair, who made millions of pounds from the small computers he pioneered, has taken the first step in giving investors a share in his success.

The mild-mannered British business maverick has decided to sell 10 per cent of Sinclair Research, a tiny three-year-old company said by experts to outsell American and Japanese rivals in the home computer market.

The sale will reduce Mr. Sinclair's holding from 95 to 85 per cent and a company spokesman said more shares would be sold so as to secure a quotation of the company on the London stock exchange. He declined to say how many would be sold or when.

Banks and other institutional investors who met Mr. Sinclair on Wednesday to discuss the 10 per cent sale are expected to agree on a company valuation in about three weeks.

Financiers have not always been confident about Mr. Sinclair, whose previous business failed in 1979, but analysts value his present venture at £150 million (\$240 million).

Mr. Sinclair has been a pioneer

CIA cautions West of Soviet economic strength

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) warned afresh Saturday that it would be wrong for Western policy makers to underestimate Soviet economic strength.

The caution was contained in previously secret CIA testimony to the joint economic committee of Congress made public Saturday.

"We do not consider an economic collapse — a sudden and sustained decline in (the Soviet) gross national product — even a remote possibility," CIA National Intelligence Council Chairman Henry Rowen told the committee.

The CIA report was the second in as many weeks to portray the Soviet economy as generally self-sufficient and growing, although at a slower rate than in recent years.

The testimony was requested by Senator William Proxmire, who said the CIA report showed the Soviet Union was "perhaps the most self-reliant industrialised nation."

The views of the CIA's Soviet experts run counter to the publicly-released Reagan administration perception of the Soviet Union as militarily strong but an economic

cripple.

Mr. Rowen acknowledged an "unusual amount of confusion" in official circles and among the public as to the strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet Union.

He noted Western observers have pictured the Soviet economy as deteriorating at a time of a rapid defence buildup despite continued Soviet economic growth.

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But he did not mention a CIA analysis of the Soviet economy during the 1970s in which the agency predicted Moscow would be a net oil importer, rather than exporter, in the 1980s.

In the last two years, the CIA has reversed this position.

Mr. Rowen said the CIA felt the Soviet economy would grow at a slow, but positive, rate and predicted a growth of one to two per cent "for the foreseeable future."

The Soviet growth rate averaged 4.6 per cent annually from 1950 to 1981, compared with a U.S. rate of 3.4 per cent a year, according to the CIA.

Since 1978, however, there has been a steady slowdown in the Soviet Union's yearly growth with 1981 economic activity rising about 1.5 per cent.

This pace has paralleled a slowdown in growth rates of Western

industrial countries.

The Soviet slowdown reflects four consecutive poor harvests but the CIA noted industrial performance had also been slack.

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He added that Mr. Andropov's remarks to the Soviet central committee last month suggested no significant change in economic policy, indicating a cautious approach to economic reform.

In its generally cautious view of the economic future of the Soviet Union, the CIA believed that, if Mr. Andropov were to introduce major policy changes, the forecast of one to two per cent growth could be off the mark, Mr. Rowen said.

He said growth could be faster if the Andropov government had good harvests, reallocated money from defence, investment and consumer demands and improved productivity and efficiency.

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S., China continue trade talks

PEKING (R) — Tough negotiations on China's growing textile exports to the United States entered their third day Saturday with a tight news blackout in progress. The Reagan administration has said it would act unilaterally to curb Chinese textile exports on Jan. 15 if no agreement is reached.

Indonesia hikes fuel prices

JAKARTA (R) — Jakarta streets were less busy than usual Saturday as drivers faced fuel price increase averaging about 45 per cent under government's austerity budget announced Friday. Higher bus, taxi, rail, air and sea fares come into effect on Monday. The biggest increase announced Friday will hit millions of Indonesians who depend on kerosene for cooking and lighting. It goes up by almost 67 per cent.

Argentina to replace peso

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The Argentine government announced Friday that it will replace the heavily inflated peso with a new currency by June 30. The new currency, also called the peso, will be worth 10,000 units of the old money, a government decree said.

Ireland increases taxes

DUBLIN (R) — The Irish republic's new government announced big increases in taxes on drink, cigarettes and petrol Friday in a bid to fend off a looming budget crisis. The decision to boost public revenues came two days after the publication of official estimates showing that last year's budget deficit was half as large again as had been planned for.

U.S. oil firms merge

NEW YORK (R) — General American Oil of Dallas announced Friday it had fought off a takeover bid by agreeing to merge with Phillips Petroleum, the ninth largest oil company in the United States. A joint announcement of the merger by General American and Phillips said the General American shareholders would receive about \$45 a share. A spokesman for the company said the deal was worth \$1.4 billion.

Mark overcomes weakness

BONN (R) — The head of West Germany's central bank said in an interview released Saturday that the West German mark had overcome a temporary weakness and was likely to rise against other currencies. Bundesbank President Karl Otto Poehl said in the interview to be published in Sunday's Bild am Sonntag newspaper that the mark was now stable.

U.K. car sales soar

LONDON (R) — Car sales soared in Britain last year but almost 60 per cent of the vehicles came from foreign factories, according to figures released Saturday. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) said 1,555,027 cars were sold, well below the 1979 record of 1,716,275, but 4.7 per cent more than in 1981. It added that 57.7 per cent of the cars came from foreign plants, compared with 55.7 per cent in 1981.

Greece ups petrol prices sharply

ATHENS (R) — An increase in the prices of oil products, said by industry officials here to be one of the sharpest they have ever had to absorb, came into effect in Greece Friday. Finance Minister Dimitrios Koulourias said they were necessary because of the 25 per cent decline in the value of the drachma over the past year. Under the new oil price regime a litre of super grade petrol will cost 50 drachmas (71 cents), against 44 drachmas (63 cents) before.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 9, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to get out from whatever conditions are present that need changes so you can continue in a more progressive manner. Study modern means to operate in the future.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact those friends who can help you the most in the days ahead. Look into new enterprises that can be profitable.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Talk to the most influential in your circle of friends and get good ideas for improving your status in life. Be logical.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Situations arise today that can help you advance more quickly in your career. Be alert to new opportunities.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Look into new ideas and see if they can be of benefit to you. Show more consideration for loved ones.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Situations arise today that can prove profitable to you in the future. Be more precise in handling your personal affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make plans to use the newest appliances you can to make your work more efficient and less difficult.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Attend to home chores early in the day as you will have more time for social activities later. Be more progressive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Anything you do at home today should be of a constructive nature so that you please others. Make this a worthwhile day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get out to places and be with persons who can help you gain more knowledge. Be more thoughtful of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study new outlets and find a new way of adding to your income. Show more devotion to family members.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Become more interested in modern projects and products. Make new friends who think along modern lines.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) New aims you seek can be successful if you apply yourself seriously. Come to a fine agreement with closest tie.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one of those charming young people who can comprehend a task quickly and get ahead easily, so send to modern schools where the finest talents can be brought out to fullest advantage.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword

By Fran Regus

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WORLD

Turkey frees union leader

ANKARA (R) — An Istanbul military court has freed trade unionist Sahin Aydin, the first of 52 members of the left-wing Confederation of Labour (DISK) accused of subversion to be released since their trial began over a year ago.

Mr. Aydin and the other DISK members were accused of aiming to establish Communist order in Turkey and he faced the death penalty.

At Friday's hearing Mr. Aydin told the military judges he had resigned from the "honorary board" of the confederation before the Sept. 1980 military coup, and he said he believed in the nationalist ideas of Kemal Ataturk, the first president of Turkey in the 1920s.

DISK members awaiting trial have said through lawyers that they have been tortured in prison.

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet announcement that one of its nuclear-powered satellites broke up last month effectively confirmed U.S. reports that the craft had run into trouble. Western diplomats said Saturday.

But they said there was still a major difference of opinion between Washington and Moscow over whether the satellite's power unit would pose any danger when it re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

The Soviet news agency TASS released a brief report Friday saying Cosmos 1402, described by U.S. officials as a spy satellite, had been fragmented under instructions from earth on Dec. 28.

Two versions of the same report left confusion about whether the

Rebel colonel causes crisis in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (R) — President Alvaro Magana met El Salvador's military chiefs Friday night in discuss how to defuse the rebellion of a key army commander demanding the defence minister's resignation.

A military spokesman said Saturday the president also called the meeting to prove the rebellious officer, Col. Sigifredo Ochoa Perez, angry at being relieved of his post, only had the support of his own men in northern Cahanas province.

All battalion commanders except Col. Ochoa conferred behind closed doors with the president and Defence Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia, plus the navy, air force and national police chiefs, the spokesman said. He

gave no details of their talks.

Col. Ochoa Perez, 42, one of the toughest anti-guerrilla commanders, Friday staged the first open act of military rebellion in El Salvador's three-year civil war.

He told reporters he would no longer obey the defence minister and that his troops controlled all Cabanas province, which stretches from the centre of the country to the Honduran border.

He commands 3,500 men out of the 24,000-strong army. He first communicated his defiance in telephone calls to Western journalists, saying he was protesting at Gen. Garcia's order posting him as military attaché in Uruguay.

Col. Ochoa Perez has led his men into some of the fiercest fighting of the civil war. He described his posting as one of the many arbitrary assignments made by Gen. Garcia on political, not military grounds.

He said he had tacit support from other battalions but denied that his rebellion was paving the way for the overthrow of the U.S.-backed government. "This is not a political movement or coup d'état," he said.

Military sources said U.S. ambassador Deane Hinton had an urgent meeting with the defence minister on the situation.

An official spokesman said the constitutional court would begin deliberations next Tuesday on a request by a private lawyer, Oskar Redelberger, for the president's decision to be set aside on the grounds that it violated the constitution.

Court to see if Carstens was right

BONN (R) — West Germany's highest court will meet on Tuesday to consider whether President Karl Carstens acted legally when he dissolved parliament Friday to pave the way for general elections.

Mr. Carstens, himself a doctor of law, admitted in a television address Friday night that he had serious misgivings about the action.

But he had decided to meet the wishes of the four parties in parliament that the Bundestag (lower house) be dissolved and new elections held on March 6.

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Karl Hofmann, an independent Member of Parliament, said he also would complain to the court and other parliamentarians were thought to be considering similar moves.

The complaints arise from the manner in which Chancellor Helmut Kohl set the process in motion — by intentionally losing a vote of no-confidence though his government enjoyed a clear majority in the house.

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nuclear reactor had already entered the atmosphere and burnt up. But diplomats said they considered the first report, suggesting this was the case, had been inaccurately formulated.

The U.S. government officials have said the part of the satellite containing the reactor is in a wild orbit after going out of control and should crash on earth at the end of January.

Western scientists have calculated that the crippled satellite is at present orbiting about 240 kilometres above the earth and falling about five kilometres a day — a rate that will gradually speed up.

"This is never the way they deal with exhausted Sputniks. The standard practice is to fire the

power unit into a higher orbit," one said.

"By saying the reactor is going to come down to earth they have conceded that something went badly wrong," he added.

The U.S. government has said the satellite could spread radioactive debris over a large area after it burns up on re-entry and has put a special search team on alert in case it lands in the United States.

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According to U.S. intelligence sources, Soviet ground control

tried for a week after Dec. 28 to fire the rockets on Cosmos 1402 but had no success.

Western diplomats in Moscow said the Soviet Union had severely damaged its credibility on the satellite issue by issuing contradictory and ambiguous statements.

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Vogel to discuss arms control with Soviets

WASHINGTON (R) — West German opposition leader Hans-Jochen Vogel, who says he has received assurances from President Reagan that Washington takes arms control seriously, now prepares for talks on the subject in Moscow next week.

Mr. Vogel is the Social Democratic Party (SPD) candidate for the chancellorship in West Germany's general election which it was announced in Bonn Friday, will be held on March 6.

The Bonn announcement has given his two-day visit to Washington, amid throngs of German reporters, the air of a political campaign.

Emerging from a White House meeting with Mr. Reagan Friday, Mr. Vogel told reporters he welcomed West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, speaking in Stuttgart, promised careful study of the document by Bonn.

Mr. Trudeau, turning to the subject of Kampuchea, said the non-Communist, five-nation association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) was wise and "playing the only game they can" in lobbying support for the democratic Kampuchea resistance coalition oppose to the Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh.

But he added he did not think that arms supplies to the coalition would achieve a settlement. The key to a solution lay with Peking and Moscow, he said.

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West led the top of nothing in spades, and declarer won the jack. The contract looked ample until West showed out on the second round of trumps. To make his contract now, declarer needed a trump coup. For that to succeed, East had to follow to three rounds of spades. But what if East held only two spades?

Eichel devised as pretty a bit of deception as it has been his pleasure to witness. He entered dummy with the ten of spades and cashed the ace-king of hearts, discarding the ace-king of spades from his hand! Now he led a third round of spades.

East was afraid that if he ruffed the third spade, declarer would overruff and his trump trick would vanish. He thought that he could simply discard on this trick, and then sit back and wait for his trump trick. Declarer proved him wrong.

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We warned you not to trust these 82-year-olds!

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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